RAJYA SABHA

Wednesday, the 20th November, 1985/ the 29th Kartika, 1907 (Saka)

The House met at eleven of the clock.

Mr. Chairman in the Chair.

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Import of Lubricant by Railways

*41. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:†

SHRI SUSHIL CHAND MOHUNTA:

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the railways preferred to import lubricant involving considerable foreign exchange when indigenous lubricant produced by the public sector Lubrizol, an Indo-US venture is equally good; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor and what is the quantity of lubricant imported by the railways during the last three years (year-wise) along with the amount of the foreign exchange involved therein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय: मैं मंत्री जी से एक सवाल जानना चाहूंगा कि क्या मंत्री जी का ध्यान "हिन्दुस्तान टाइम्स" में छपे दिनांक 20-11-1985 के उस समाचार की ओर गया है जिसमें यह कहा गया है कि: 'Railways' costly preference for foreign stuff.

श्री माधवराव सिन्धिया : सर, मेरा ध्यान हिन्दुस्तान टाइम्स के उस आर्टिकल की ओर नहीं गया है ।

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Satya Prakash Malaviya.

श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय: मान्यवर, मेरा दूसरा प्रश्न यह है कि जो समाचार पत्रों में इस प्रकार के समाचार छपते हैं किसी विभाग के बारे में, इस संबंध में जनता में कुछ भ्रांतियां भी हो जाती हैं।

तो मेरा मंत्री जी से प्रश्न यह है कि क्या वे अपने विभाग की ओर से या जो रेलवे बोर्ड है, उसकी ओर से कोई इस प्रकार की व्यवस्था करेंगे कि इस प्रकार के भ्रामक विचार उत्पन्न करने वाले समाचार छपे हैं, उनका अधिकारियों की ओर से, रेलवे मंत्रालय की ओर से, रेलवे बोर्ड की ओर से कोई कंट्राडिक्शन हो ।

MR. CHAIRMAN: Not relevant.

SHRI SUSHIL CHAND MOHUNTA: Sir, the news item shows that lubricants are being imported by the Railway Department involving a considerable amount of foreign exchange whereas the same lubricant is being produced by a public sector undertaking. Now, if this news item is not correct, what steps have you taken to see that the image of the Railway Department is not marred unnecessarily by printing such news in the newspapers?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Freedom of the press cannot be curtailed.

Re-employment of teachers in the Central Universities

*42. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of teachers re-employed from June, 1982 to October, 1985 in the Delhi University, the Jawaharlal Nehru University, the Aligarh Muslim University, the Banaras Hindu University and the Jamia Millia Islamia; and

(b) what is the Government's policy in regard to the re-appointment of retired teachers in the Central Universities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION